

Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel – 15 July 2013

Impact of Welfare Reform – Working Group

Wards: All

Portfolio: Councillor Towe, Resources

Recommendations:

1. That members give consideration to the scope of the working group;
2. That the Panel note that a report will be submitted to each of the five Scrutiny panels in July providing opportunity for one member from each to join the 'Impact of Welfare Reform Working Group';

Executive Summary:

Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel, at its meeting held on 17 June, 2013, resolved to establish a working group to review the impact of welfare reform. This report updates the Panel on the process to be taken.

Impact of Welfare Reform – Working Group

The Panel, at its meeting held on 17 June, 2013, resolved to establish a 'cross scrutiny' panel working group to review the impact of welfare reform. This would take into account:-

- Benefits and the introduction of Universal Credit;
- Council Tax Reduction Scheme;
- The Impact of Welfare Reform

The Panel appointed the following Members to the Working Group:-

Councillor S. Coughlan
Councillor Ilmann – Walker
Councillor D. Shires

The Panel agreed to invite a member from each of the Councils five other Scrutiny Panels to join the working group as it was an issue that impacted on each of the remits.

A report will be submitted to each of the five panels in July, 2013 to seek a representative from each of the Panels. A meeting will be convened in August to draft the initiation document, including any comments made by the Corporate Panel.

The working group will then undertake a review in accordance with its scope, as contained within the initiation document, before producing a final report.

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